

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraphs as follows:

[0074] In connection with FIGs. 6A, 7A, 7B, and 7C, an embodiment of the synchronizing procedure will be described. When suspension occurs, RCM 105-2 collects the time indicated by the time parameters 111-1 #1 and #2, 111-2 #1 and #2, and 111-3 #1 and #2 (step 601 in FIG. 6A), and compares the corrected time so as to determine the synchronized time (step 602 in FIG. 6A). In FIG. 7A, the time parameters 111-1 #2, 111-2 #2 and 111-3 #2 all indicate the same timestamp value T5. In this case, T5 is determined to be the synchronized time for the primary storage subsystem 102 #2. For time parameters 111-1 #1, 111-2 #1 and 111-3 #1, T3 is the greatest value. In this case, T3 is determined to be the synchronized time for the ~~primary~~ secondary storage subsystem 102 #1. RCM 105-2 sends the secondary storage subsystem 102 #3-#5 a synchronization request 701 including the determined synchronized time T3 and T5 (step 603 in FIG. 6A). In response to the synchronize request 701, the time parameters 111-2 and 111-3 are synchronized as illustrated in FIG. 7B (step 604 in FIG. 6A). This change causes the time parameters 112-2 and 112-3 to be updated to T3. As illustrated FIG. 7C, when the time parameters 112-2 and 112-3 are updated to T3, io-23 (T2) and io-31 (T2) are moved to the disk request queues 116-2 and 116-3, respectively (step 605 in FIG. 6A).

[0081] State g, illustrated in FIG. 7G, refers to host access at the secondary storage subsystems ~~sussystems~~.